

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**JOSEPH THOMAS; VERNON AYERS;  
and MELVIN LAWSON**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**v.**

**NO. 3:18-cv-00441-CWR-FKB**

**PHIL BRYANT, Governor of the State of  
Mississippi; DELBERT HOSEMANN,  
Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi;  
and JIM HOOD, Attorney General of the  
State of Mississippi, all in the official capacities  
of their own offices and in their official  
capacities as members of the State Board  
of Election Commissioners**

**DEFENDANTS**

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW**

For the reasons set forth in the memorandum brief submitted concurrently herewith, and for the additional reasons assigned orally in open court, defendants move for judgment to be entered in their favor as a matter of law under Fed. R. Civ. P. 50(a).

This the 6th day of February, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael B. Wallace, hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send email notification to all counsel of record.

This the 6th day of February, 2019.

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